Knowledge Commission, in its report, has *inter-alia* recommended that an increasingly globalizing world demands a dynamic, responsive to change and well informed, autonomous regulatory body to meet the emerging challenges for initiating, promoting, monitoring and enforcing standards of medical education at all level across the country. The working group has further recommended that such a regularory body should have genuine autonomy provided with adequate authority and managed by highly qualified medical educationist with record of integrity and proven credential. The report of the working group on medical education formed by the National Knowledge Commission has been received in the Ministry and is under consideration.

Health care project by Intel Corporation and the Ministry

1256. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Intel Corporation and his Ministry announced scaling up of health-care projects in India, a global initiative, to provide people in developing countries with the benefits of better, faster access to information and communications technology;

(b) if so, whether projects include a tele-health programe for community hospitals and a school health monitoring system; and

(c) if so, whether there is one such project in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (c) A pilot project on e-Health has been taken up by Intel Corporation at Community Hospital, Government Hospital, Tindivanam and Primary Health Centre, Mailam in Viluppuram District from 3rd September, 2007.

The pilot project includes e-Health programme at St. Philominal Girls Higher Secondary School, Tindivanam in Viluppuram District.

Hospital wastes in Delhi

1257. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi's hazardous hospital waste is being indiscriminately burnt in incinerators without proper segregation;

(b) whether during the burning process, cancer causing fumes are being released in the air; and

(c) if so, what is the action plan of Government to address this environmental hazard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (c) Ministry of Environment and Forests has notified Bio-medical (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998 and amendments thereof. These rules specify about collection, segregation, labeling storage, transportation, treatment and disposal of Bio-medical Wastes (BMW) and are mandatory for every occupier of an institution generating bio-medical wastes to take steps to ensure that such wastes are handled without any adverse effect to human and environment. There are "Common Bio-medical Waste Treatment Facilities